



NATIONAL GRANGE

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2020 GRANGE MONTH

Brothers and Sisters,

April is Grange Month, and we are thrilled to celebrate our 153rd year of National Grange. Once again it's time for us to applaud the greatest organization, The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

We have a proud history of supporting, educating, advocating, and sometimes fighting for rural Americans. I hope that you have made plans to celebrate our 153rd year and our continued efforts to improve-- increasing the skills, talents, and knowledge of our members, making our communities better places to live, providing common sense solutions to our State and Nation. In this time of extreme partisanship, incivility, and lack of respect for our fellow men and women, the Grange is needed more than ever.

Our traditions of civic involvement, open discussions of difficult issues, civil discourse and respect for all, make Grange a valuable contributor to every community across America. We need to let our neighbors know that by making a special effort to open the doors of your hall and welcoming interested residents of your community to an activity. Or step outside your hall and share the benefits of our Order with the good citizens that live nearby. We have often been the best kept secret but we need to change that now!

Our theme this year is "Cultivating Connections" and Grange Month is the perfect time to do just that. As I talk with Grangers and others throughout our country, I find people who are interested and enthused about our organization. Youth and young adults seek opportunities to learn and improve themselves for better careers and better lives. Parents tell me of the challenges that society often places in the way of teaching their children American values. The newly retired are looking for places to give back or develop interests that they postponed during their careers. To all of these, the Grange is the solution-- all they need is an invitation to be a part of our family.

Please cultivate those connections in your community and invite some of these folks to join our organization this month. Share with them what your community Grange does and give them the opportunity to be part of our national organization. And most of all, celebrate and have fun!

Fraternally,

Betsy E. Huber
National Master

Elevating rural interests since 1867